

LR34 Committee Hearings - 2015

The Department of Correctional Services Special Investigative Committee held five hearings in 2015 to continue oversight and monitoring of challenges in the correctional system. Testimony at the hearings covered a range of topics, including behavioral health services, workforce issues, the outcomes of the report of the State Auditor, and the riot at the Tecumseh State Correctional Institution. The following pages provide a summary of the hearing topics and testifiers; full transcripts are available on the Legislature's website.

Tuesday, September 1st, 2015 (Omaha)

mental health, programming and treatment, staffing

BHECN proposal to train health professions students in correctional settings

- Dr. Howard Liu - Assistant Vice Chancellor of Faculty Development, UNMC; Director of the Behavioral Health Education Center of Nebraska (BHECN); Associate Professor, UNMC Dept Psychiatry
- Dr. Martin Wetzel - Chief of Psychiatry, NDCS
- Dr. Jamie Snyder - Child & Adolescent Program Training Director & Associate Professor, Creighton University
- Dr. Joseph Kent - Psychiatry Resident, UNMC

Written Testimony

- Susan Feyen-Reay - Grace Abbott School of Social Work, UNO; faculty supervising rural social work practicum program
- Dr. Joe Evans - Associate Clinical Director, BHECN; Director, Munroe-Meyer Institute Psychology Department; Division Director of Pediatric Psychology, UNMC College of Medicine
- Dr. Brent Khan - Co-Director, BHECN
- Dr. Christine Chasek - Assistant Professor, Department of Counseling and School Psychology, UNK
- Dr. Mario Scalora - Professor, Department of Psychology, UNL
- Dr. Will Spaulding - Professor, Department of Psychology, UNL
- Dr. Mike Huckabee - Professor and Director, Division of Physician Assistant Education, UNMC
- Sheri Dawson - Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, HHS

Friday, October 23, 2015

staffing, funding

- Mike Marvin - Executive Director, Nebraska Association of Public Employees, NAPE-AFSCME
- Mike Steadman - former NDCS employee, current NAPE-AFSCME staff
- Keisha Silas - former NDCS employee, current NAPE-AFSCME staff

Written Testimony

- Sheri Dawson - Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, HHS

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

Audit of the Department of Correctional Services

- Charlie Janssen - Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts
- Kris Kucera - CPA, CFE, Audit Manager
- Zach Wells - CPA, CISA, Audit Manager

Thursday, November 5, 2015

Tecumseh riot, Auditor's report, lethal injection drug purchase

- Marshall Lux - Ombudsman
- Scott Frakes - Director, NDCS

Friday, November 6, 2015

mental health, programming and treatment, funding, follow-up

- Sheri Dawson - Director of the Division of Behavioral Health, HHS
- Dr. Lisa Jones - Behavioral Health Administrator, NDCS
- Dr. Martin Wetzel - Chief of Psychiatry, NDCS
- Mike Rothwell - Deputy Director for Community-based Programs and Services, NDCS
- Scott Frakes - Director, NDCS

Written Testimony

- Rhonda Mattingly - Executive Director, Bridges to Hope